

Dear Sirs:

I am alarmed by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to compel their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the upcoming national election.

By law, Sinclair is obligated to serve the public interest; it uses public airwaves free of charge. But rather than reflect the diversity of viewpoints, the programming offered by large corporations like Sinclair tends to be increasingly homogeneous: more of what's good for their bottom line; less of the open, free-form discussion we need if our democracy is to flourish. It's critical that American viewers see real people from their own communities -- and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's reprehensible and irresponsible actions show why media ownership rules need to be strengthened. They demonstrate why the license renewal process should involve more than a returned postcard. Thanks for your attention to this missive.